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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This is a response to the September 8, 2006 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 8, 2006 Final Office Action was originally due December 8, 2007. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time from December 8, 2007 to March 8, 2007. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is \$1,020.00, which fee the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge to Deposit Account No 03-3125. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

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